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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Re: U.S. Application No. 09/548,256
Filed: April 12, 2000
Title: Vectors, Transformed Cells and Transgenic Plants
Comprising a Steroid Reductase DNA (**as amended**)
Applicants: Mylavarapu VENKATRAMESH *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16516.152
Confirmation No.: 6162

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
2. a Response to the Office Action mailed July 22, 2002;
3. an Information Disclosure Statement;
4. a PTO-1449 Form (2 pages) with 27 accompanying references;
5. a Substitute Declaration executed by Mylavarapu VENKATRAMESH on October 10, 2002;
6. a Substitute Declaration executed by David R. CORBIN on October 11, 2002;
7. a Substitute Declaration executed by B. Ganesh BHAT on October 7, 2002;
8. a Substitute Declaration executed by Sekhar S. BODDUPALLI on October 7, 2002;
9. a Substitute Declaration executed by Robert J. GREBENOK on October 16, 2002;
10. a Substitute Declaration executed by Ganesh M. KISHORE on October 21, 2002;
11. a Substitute Declaration executed by Kathryn D. LARDIZABAL on October 9, 2002;
12. a Substitute Declaration executed by Michael W. LASSNER on October 7, 2002;
13. a Substitute Declaration executed by Shaukat H. RANGWALA on October 8, 2002;
14. a Substitute Declaration executed by Balasulojini KARUNANANDAA on October 8, 2002; and
15. a return postcard.

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Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16516.152:

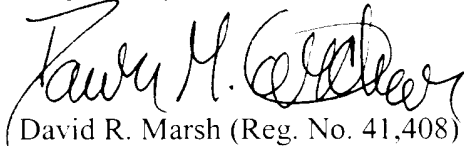
\$ <u>672.00</u>	additional claims fee
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In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16516.152. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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